(e) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The Government has approved for establishment of one KVK in each of the 578 rural districts (as per India 2002) of the country.

(b) to (e) There are 32 rural districts in Rajasthan. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has already sanctioned KVKs for all the 32 rural districts.

Drought assistance to Orissa

3383. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 21 districts in Orissa are in the grip of drought due to deficit rainfall;

(b) whether the State Government has made a proposal for grant of financial relief for the affected areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof with action plan of the Centre to help the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) This year, Orissa has neither reported drought nor sought any Central assistance for drought relief.

Training of personnel for Tuna Fishing

3384. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of institutes under Government to train personnel for Tuna Fishing per year;

(b) the number of such people trained during the last three years by Government institute called CIFNET;

(c) whether the turnout of persons from these institutes is very poor;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to review the entire gamut of training being done by CIFNET?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN) (a) CIFNET conducts Mate Fishing Vessel Course of 18 months duration to provide trained manpower for fishing vessels including tuna fishing.

(b) During the last three years (2002—05) CIFNET trained 202 personnel under Mate Fishing Vessel Course.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) The courses run by CIFNET are reviewed by Government periodically. Thus, CIFNET has started four year degree course in Bachelors of Fisheries and Nautical Science during 2005-06 in addition to the existing core courses and other short term training programmes and refresher courses.

Price control and entry of new drugs

3385. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the present price control policy is preventing the entry of the new drugs;

(b) whether Government are considering to replace the Drug Prices Control Order (DPCO) by an Act;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to that effect; and

(d) whether Government are also considering to make drugs available at reasonable prices, keeping in view the wholesale price index?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The present pricing policy of the Government is being implemented by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)